

### Remarks

After the entry of the present amendments, the claims pending in the application will be 30-47. The specification has been amended to cross-reference applications relied upon for priority. Claims were modified to improve clarity and to put them into a format that better complies with United States patent law requirements. None of the amendments made herein add new matter to the application, and their entry is therefore respectfully requested.


### Conclusion

In light of the amendments made herein, Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a phone call may help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (202) 419-7013.

Respectfully submitted,

FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY

By   
Michael A. Sanzo  
Reg. No. 36,912  
Attorney for Applicants

Date September 18, 2006  
1801 K Street, N.W., Suite 401L  
Washington, DC 20006-1201  
Telephone: (202) 419-7000